

1 CLAIMS

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3 1. A gaming system for conducting bingo-type games, the gaming system including:

4 (a) a back office system including a data storage device for storing a number of bingo
5 card representations and for storing a designation set for matching to at least one
6 of the bingo card representations;

7 (b) a player station including a player station display, the player station being in
8 communication with the back office system for receiving at least a result
9 associated with at least one player bingo card representation;

10 (c) a user interface device included with the player station for enabling a player using
11 the player station to enter an automatic daub input; and

12 (d) an automatic daub control for automatically daubing the at least one player bingo
13 card representation in response to the automatic daub input.

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15 2. The gaming system of claim 1 wherein the automatic daub control is for automatically
16 daubing multiple player bingo card representations in response to the automatic daub
17 input.

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19 3. The gaming system of claim 1 further including a manual daub interface for enabling the
20 player using the player station to manually daub at least one player bingo card
21 representation as an alternative to automatic daubing.

- 1 4. The gaming system of claim 3 wherein the player station display includes a touch screen
2 display and the manual daub interface includes the touch screen display.
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- 4 5. The gaming system of claim 1 wherein a game play request entered through the player
5 station in the gaming system comprises a request for automatic daubing performed at a
6 back office device included in the back office system, the back office device being
7 separate from the player station.
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- 9 6. A gaming system for conducting bingo-type games, the gaming system including:
10 (a) a back office system including a data storage device for storing a number of bingo
11 card representations;
12 (b) a number of player stations, each player station in communication with the back
13 office system to receive a respective bingo card representation from the number of
14 bingo card representations;
15 (c) a respective user interface device included with each respective player station for
16 enabling a player using the respective player station to enter an automatic daub
17 input; and
18 (d) a respective automatic daub control included with each respective player station
19 for automatically daubing the respective player bingo card representation received
20 at the respective player station in response to the automatic daub input.
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- 1 7. The gaming system of claim 6 wherein the automatic daub control is for automatically
2 daubing additional player bingo card representations in response to the automatic daub
3 input.
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- 5 8. The gaming system of claim 6 further including a respective manual daub interface
6 included with each respective player station for enabling the player using the respective
7 player station to manually daub an additional player bingo card representation received at
8 the respective player station as an alternative to automatic daubing.
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- 10 9. The gaming system of claim 8 wherein the manual daub interface included with at least
11 one respective player station includes a touch screen display.
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- 13 10. The gaming system of claim 6 wherein each respective game play request entered through
14 a respective one of the player stations in the gaming system comprises a request for
15 automatic daubing performed at the back office system.
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- 17 11. A method for conducting a bingo-type game, the method including the steps of:
- 18 (a) associating a game play request initiated by a player with a bingo card
19 representation;
- 20 (b) associating the bingo card representation with a set of bingo designations;
- 21 (c) receiving an automatic daub input from the player; and

1 (d) in response to the automatic daub input, daubing the bingo card representation
2 using the set of bingo designations.
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4 12. The method of claim 11 further including the step of automatically daubing a number of
5 respective bingo card representations in response to the automatic daub input.
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7 13. The method of claim 11 further including the step of enabling the player to manually
8 daub the bingo card representation using a manual daub interface available to the player.
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10 14. The method of claim 13 wherein the manual daub interface includes a touch screen
11 display.
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13 15. The method of claim 11 wherein the automatic daub input is entered by the player
14 through an input device at a player terminal through which the player participates in the
15 bingo-type game.